

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A wire termination device, such as a protected termination device ("PTD"), is provided for establishing and testing telephone wiring connections. Conductive contacts provided on the cover of the PTD are incorporated into a plug assembly mounted on the cover. The plug assembly is then brought into engagement with the jack of the PTD when the cover is closed. A preferred embodiment of the plug assembly incorporates laterally disposed bypass contacts that are brought into engagement with conductive plates within the jack. An alternative embodiment of the plug assembly has conductive contacts that are brought into contact with the tip and ring contacts of the jack when the cover is closed. In either case, test contacts are accessible through the cover of the PTD so that the cover of the PTD can be opened and closed without having to disconnect and reconnect the test probes from the test contact points.